

What We've Accomplished Together



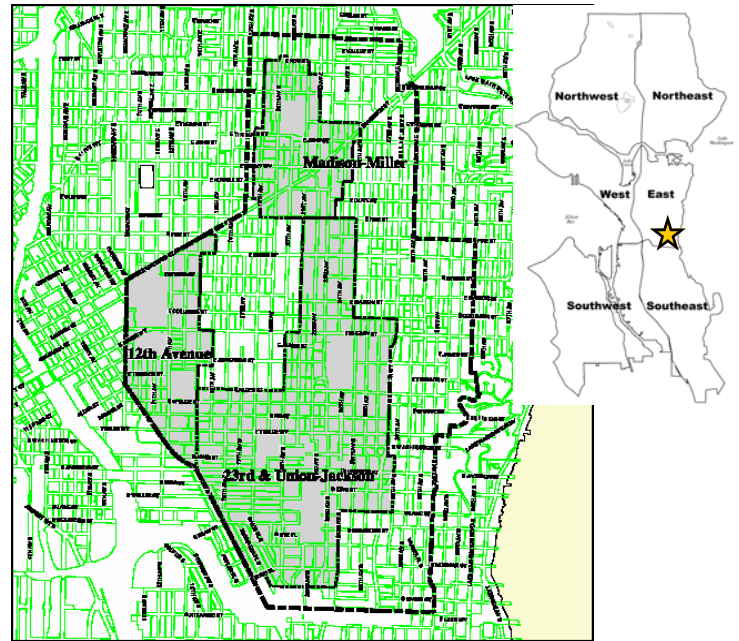
Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor
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Neighborhood: Central Area-23rd & Union

Plan Adopted: 1998

Key Elements:

1. Support Community Development Corporation development efforts in this area, including the Colman Building.
2. Develop organizational and new financial capacity within the community to stimulate economic development.
3. Develop and implement improvements along Union between 18th & 23rd.
4. Ensure future development supports existing restaurant cluster at 23rd & Union.



**Central Area-23rd & Union
East Sector**

What Happened in 2002

- **23rd and Union Business Task Force** - Continued to work on completing a Central Area business survey to assess readiness for a Business Improvement Association or other business area promotion organization.
- **23rd & Union Street Improvements** - Seattle Department of Transportation began construction of the repaving and crosswalk improvement project that will pave the way for planned streetscape improvements to be implemented by the community.
- **Unity on Union** - Central Neighborhood Association and the Business Task Force jointly sponsored the 2nd Annual Unity On Union business area promotion event in July 2002. Locals mingled with Garden Tour attendees while enjoying live music, information booths, and a plant sale.
- **Colman Building** - Discussions with new owner of Colman Building made progress toward redevelopment of this boarded-up structure on the southwest corner of 23rd & Union.

What's Underway In 2003

- **Colman Building** - Work continues on Colman Building mixed-use redevelopment project with the Central Area Development Association.
- **Central Neighborhood Association** - will complete planned streetscape improvement.
- **Unity on Union** - The third annual business promotion event is scheduled for July 5, 2003.
- **New P-Patch** - A new community garden is in the works on surplus city property at Martin Luther King, Jr. Way and Jefferson Street to replace the P-Patch lost at 24th & Marion. \$15,000 in Federal Block Grant funds will be used to grade the site for access and install utilities.
- **Business District Revitalization** - The City's Office of Economic Development is working on strategies to support the economic revitalization of the Central Area, with a concentration on 23rd Ave from Madison to Jackson St. Strategies include strengthening community-based organizations, reinvigorating the façade improvement program, addressing public safety concerns and expanding job opportunities for Central Area residents.



23rd & Union Street Improvements

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